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**SCIENTISTS SEEK PUBLIC LINK WITH LYNX**

People who live in northern Minnesota are asked to keep a watchful eye for signs of the elusive lynx in the Superior National Forest and nearby areas. The lynx is a long-legged cat with black tufts on the ends of black-tipped ears and a black tip on its tail. An adult lynx stands about two feet tall at the shoulder.

Scientists from the Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI) University of Minnesota Duluth and the U.S. Forest Service are studying the lynx population in Minnesota by trapping them and fitting them with radio collars to track their movement. So far, they've collared three lynx near Ely and Isabella in northern Minnesota and have noted evidence of lynx throughout the Superior National Forest and adjacent areas.

Public help with this research would be very appreciated. Sightings of lynx can be reported by phone to NRRI at 1-800-234-0054 or by email at [lynx@nrri.umn.edu](mailto:lynx@nrri.umn.edu). Sightings can also be reported to local Forest Service or DNR offices. Please note the location of the sighting, date, time and any interesting behavior observed.

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Photo files attached.

Previously printed story on research attached.

Editors: If you'd like to do a follow-up story on the research project, please call one of the contacts above.